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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Andrew E. Kirsteins

Serial No.: New Application

Filing Date: Herewith

For: Subcutaneous Insertion Devices  
and Methods for Stimulating  
Subcutaneous Regions of Patients

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: To Be Assigned

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents A1-A7 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	4,479,496	10/30/1984	Hsu		
	A2	5,089,001	02/18/1992	Hwang		
	A3	5,094,242	03/10/1992	Gleason et al.		
	A4	5,211,175	05/18/1993	Gleason et al.		
	A5	5,969,238	10/19/1999	Fischer		
	A6	6,346,103 B1	02/12/2002	Korsec et al.		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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EXAMINER INITIAL	<b>OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b> (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.					
	A7	Stux, Gabriel; Pomeranz, Bruce, "Basics of Acupuncture", Springer-Verlag (Berlin), Fourth Revised Edition, 1998, p. 274.				

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